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Preface

This is the third edition of CSA P.4.1, *Testing method for measuring annual fireplace efficiency*. It supersedes the previous editions published in 2009 and 2002.

For the most part, the testing method specified in this Standard is consistent with the test method published in the United States *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 10, Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix O. Accordingly, this Standard is intended to serve as a stand-alone document that can be referenced by Canadian jurisdictions.

The main changes from the previous edition are as follows:

- a) requirements for side-wall mounted vent terminals have been clarified (see Clause [4.2.2.3](#));
- b) reference to rotating flue gas sampling probe has been removed;
- c) clarification of appliance set-up at its maximum and reduced listed input rates has been added;
- d) reference to “flue” for direct vent appliances has been added (see Clause [5.6](#));
- e) energy input for different pilot technologies used in gas fireplaces has been revised (see Clause [5.7](#));
- f) calculation procedure for on-cycle time constant has been revised for harmonization with ASHRAE 103 (see Clause [6.12](#));
- g) equations for calculating the heating seasonal efficiency have been revised to correct an anomaly (see Clauses [6.21.1](#) and [6.21.2](#));
- h) Annex [A](#) has been revised to remove regulatory and manufacturers’ marketing literature requirements;
- i) original Annex [E](#) has been deleted and Figure [E.1](#) moved and renumbered to Figure [2B](#); and
- j) original Annex F has been relabelled Annex [E](#).

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1 Scope

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This Standard provides a method for measuring annual fireplace efficiency.

1.2

This Standard applies to vented gas fireplaces meeting the requirements of ANSI Z21.50/CSA 2.22 and to vented gas fireplace heaters approved to ANSI Z21.88/CSA 2.33 that use natural gas or propane.

1.3

This Standard does not apply to decorative fireplaces meeting the requirements of ANSI Z21.60/CSA 2.26.

1.4

This Standard includes

- a) a test method for cyclic and part-load performance;
- b) methods for interpolating and extrapolating test data; and
- c) calculation procedures for establishing seasonal performance.

1.5

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